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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 2, 1999, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Kindly cancel claims 2, 4-12, 14-20, and 22-28 without prejudice to future prosecution.

29. (New) The DNA of claim 1, wherein said nucleotide sequence consists of SEQ. ID. NO.

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